

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Media Center
March 5, 2019

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
Charles Pallas
Edmond Monti
Matthew Vaccaro
James Campbell

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
James Knipper, Director of Curriculum
Kathleen Nestor Esq., Board Attorney

State of Compliance:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights for the public to have advance notice of, and to attend, the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent, announcing time and place thereof, and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting to the following: Borough of Moonachie and Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

1.

• Resolved to move to Executive Session

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Moonachie Board of Education shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the exception(s) prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal matters which are attorney-client privileged. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of February 19, 2019, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

1. Letter from the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning regarding results of the Unannounced Drill Observation for an active shooter – Attachment 1.2

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ponds announced that the Pre-K Family Night went extremely well and the state officials are coming in to visit the program on March 6.

Dr. Ponds also announced the county office has chosen the Moonachie School District to work in collaboration with them on a workforce development project centered around mathematics. The program is designed to prepare students with the necessary skillset in math to be able to enter the workforce successfully.

David Vaccaro inquired as to the status of the YMCA grant and Dr. Ponds replied that the district is helping the YMCA by providing the necessary information to renew the grant. Dr. Ponds met with the YMCA CEO last week to discuss all the programs that are implemented since the start of the YMCA’s partnership with the Moonachie School District.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Public Comments - (Agenda Items Only)

In addition, please be aware that employees of this School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

2. Finance

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Bills and Claims against the Board of Education for equipment, materials and supplies furnished and delivered, and for work done and performed for February 2019 for a total of \$125,040.87 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for January 2019 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the revised Treasurer’s Report for month ending January 2019 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the revised Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for the month ending January 2019 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of February 2019 for \$581,158.69 to include \$126,665.69 in hand checks for PERS Liability and February State Health Benefits and \$20,133.91 against the 20 fund – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 15, 2019 for \$96,353.80 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 28, 2019 for \$90,397.44 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for February 2019 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
9. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for February 2019 that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the Moonachie Board of Education’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
10. Resolved to approve the submission of the carryover amendment to receive Title 1 SIA Part A in the amount of \$30,581.00.
11. Resolved to approve the deferment of payment of a prior year tuition credit in the amount of \$43,996.70 from Wood-Ridge School District to be paid in the 2020-2021 school year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve check #1124 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$19,245.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for January 2019 meals.

13. Resolved to approve a Moonachie Board of Education \$1,000.00 Scholarship for a Moonachie student graduating Wood Ridge High School in June, 2019. The Board will be notified of the recipient when the award winner is determined.
14. Resolved to approve participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Bidding Program through Educational Data Services, Inc. and the licensing and maintenance fee for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to approve the 5 Year Internal Inspection of the Sprinkler System and to replace two outdated gauges – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve Lori Formisano and Lucy Doka as contracted service providers from the South Bergen Jointure Commission for Speech therapies on Saturdays as part of Title I SIA Part A funding at a total hourly rate of \$150.00 (\$120.00 salary plus \$30.00 for administrative fees) not to exceed \$10,000 effective February 22, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.16

3. Policy

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Michael Lia as Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher at BA Step 1 for an annual salary of \$49,045 pro-rated for the remainder of the school year.
2. Resolved to approve the job posting of Classroom Aide for the remainder of the school year – Attachment 4.2

6. Facilities

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

7. Old Business

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Cintas Fire Protection Semi-Annual Water-Based Fire Protection Systems Inspection – Attachment 9.1
2. Average monthly attendance from 2/1/19 – 2/28/19 - Attachment 9.2
3. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending February 2019 Attachment 9.3

10. Discussion Items

Mr. Monti reported on the Wood Ridge Board of Education meeting. It was announced that their Child Study Team Psychologist resigned and they are actively looking for a replacement.

Mr. Campbell wished a very Happy Birthday to Mr. Pallas.

11. Public Comments

Open: 6:44 p.m.

Closed: 6:45 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 6:48 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Second: Matthew Vaccaro

Action Taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Board Administrator/Board Secretary